

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the

building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere

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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that

offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The*

Authority Of The Son Of God, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in *The Days of The Apostles*.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us ***The Word Of The Lord*** that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate ***The Greater Light***.

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Sixty Fourth Message

The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room at my home, 122 West Sea Avenue, Independence, Missouri, about 5:30 am, on June 1, 1944, and left the following Message. He was clothed in light and with the Power of the Lord.

-W.A. Draves

1. "Awake, arise, and take the Message I will give you. Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, His Messenger whom ye delight in my coming. I am sent of God to bring other servants that His Vineyard may be nourished, yea, this last time that it may bring forth, and a people be prepared for the coming of the Lord. I have been chosen, and my name is John. This is my calling, to prepare the ways before the Christ to come to His Bride.

2. Will the people heed the warning and obey the instructions I bring from the Lord, your God? That there may be a Bride prepared and the Way of Deliverance established, that mankind may learn of the Way of the Lord, His Words, in these last days.

3. The Lord has sent me with a Message when the hearts of His people were bleeding. I have come to minister that comfort may come to all who will walk righteously in this Way. All that I have brought and will bring comes from the Lord, your God.

4. The Lord has looked upon His Church to bless the faithful. Some have denied the Lord and His goodness. Some are full of doubt and are deprived of the Joys of the Lord. Some will repent, others will go to destruction.

5. There are those that seek to prophesy in the Lord's name, and in vain they do speak their own words, for they know not His Spirit nor His Power, for God speaketh not to blaspheme. Fear them not.

6. You have seen the trials of man, and

your burdens have been hard to bear, but take courage for the end is not yet. Trials will come to all and those that will not be humble will not stand in the last day.

7. Lift up your strength in the Lord. In times past you have been delivered from the pitfalls of satan, the plan of the evil one to destroy shall be frustrated. Heed wisdom. Those the Lord has sent you for encouragement to stand by this Work shall be blessed, for in peace they shall find rest. Many blessings shall come to the humble.

8. The Lord has heard the prayers of His servants and His people and will answer as their faith is.

9. I am he that is sent of God to bring His Light to mankind. This is His Church and shall be His Bride when She is prepared and made ready. I speak not my words but the Words and Will of the Christ who has sent me. My message is one of love. It will bring Life to those that will obey.

10. Teach men everywhere to repent and be baptized. Let the hands be laid on all who come to the Church that they may be humble and that the Lord may fill them with His Spirit.

11. Fret not, nor grieve not, over things you have no control, but be calm.

12. The day will come when you shall be apart from the turmoil of the world for the Work the Lord has designed must come to mankind. For this Work were you born. Be ye penitent and humble that your Light may shine. Speak the truth and not the traditions of men nor the thoughts of man. As I say to you so say I to all. The Lord knows your heart and your righteous desires shall be granted. Those who have set to harm you and this Work will suffer and their end will be sad. There are those you cannot trust. They betray and deceive.

13. Keep Holy the Sacred Rites of the Lord. Defile them not. Let not the Plan be

changed. Heed not man's self-righteousness not those who set themselves to be great, for victory comes through humility and obedience to the Christ, the Lord.

14. Let no man change The Articles of Faith and Practice, neither let man say the Lord is not wise. The Lord cannot use those who will not keep Holy and sacred His Plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this Work for already they deny its sacredness.

15. Let the people meet in the Assembly in solemnness and humility and the Lord will bless them in their meekness. Seek not to please man but do the Lord's bidding. Let not the time be spent in contention.

16. Condition have come as the lord has said. The plague of death in war has taken many, The evil must be destroyed. Let there be left neither root nor branch that the evil may not rise again.

17. If the people of the Lord will be humble and pray mightily unto the Lord He will show His Hand and the time will come when many will be touched by this Marvelous Work. Let the place of rest for the Lord and His people be prepared. Press on in the peace of the Lord with all men.

18. Let those the Lord had called take their places. Seek the Lord often that the Mysteries of the Kingdom will not be hid, but heed not the prophesies of men.

19. I leave peace of the Lord with and the Church. Hold high the Banner of the Christ.

20. I will come again as the Lord will direct. I am His servant. I am John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord. I am sent to speak His Will. I will be with the Christ when He comes. I am sent to prepare the people for His coming and a place to come to. I am your fellow servant, the Elias which was for to come.

21. I am to direct in all things of the Work of the Lord. I am to bring the Instructions

that the Spirit of God may lead men to righteousness and Life eternal. His sheep shall know His voice.

22. Be at peace. Give this Message to the brethren and the Church. Publish it with the rest. Amen.”

From the Apostles

Jairus Yates

They Took Their Place

Dates are important. They remind us of our failures and our successes. It has been 25 years since the Church was tested and went through a split in 1994. Many failed the test. Some passed the test and are faithful to this day. This year, June 28th marks 25 years since the passing of brother W A Draves, who was successful and faithful in taking his place and passing the test.

God gave me a Second chance, and on June 28th of 2009 I returned to the Church by baptism. There have been others that were baptized on this date, and they could not endure this way.

When I was in the Voice of Joy church, the thinking was “Let’s wait on the Lord for him to reveal to us whether the last three messages (118,119,and 120) are true or not.” I waited 15 years. Then a brother said to me “Let’s leave these guys and start our own church.” As soon as he said this, the Holy Spirit hit me with conviction and my eyes were opened. I understood by the Spirit how precious the priesthood authority is. We did not have it because we did not obey the message. If we don’t obey the message a curse is on us. Message 85:29 The curse is lifted as belief and obedience comes.

The Angel Messenger speaking to W A Draves says this in **Message 118:9-10**:

9. “Take your place as an apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep the records as he has been told to do and other works instructed in the office.

10. Mankind cannot do the Lord’s Work his way, it must be the Way of the Lord, or therefore their own destruction.”

All those that went away from the Word of the Lord in not supporting and following the authority of brother W A Draves, Leonard Draves, and Mervyn Johnson when the Angel Messenger said to them to take your place, must be baptized to be a part of this Church. This includes all of those in the Voice of Joy church and the 608 Lacy Road church, and now Norm’s church. This also includes the Temple Lot church and all Restoration churches. Many represent Christ, but we are to represent Christ and His Church.

When the Messenger said “Come all the way,” I see a picture of Abraham going all the way up the hill in obedience to the Lord. We all are required to go all the way in obedience. Sometimes we go halfway and get sidetracked with our own will, or stay at the bottom and get involved in doctrine that is not acceptable to the Lord. For example, nowhere in the three books does it speak of women in the priesthood. It does speak of women prophets. “Let them prophesy.” When membership takes sacrament from, or are ordained by, someone in the Voice of Joy church, 608 Lacy Road church, or Norm’s church they are going back down the hill and have left the church. Baptism is the door back in.

If we don’t treat the authority as precious, holy, and set apart, then we might

as well be Baptist, Catholic, or Pentecostal. We might as well say we don't believe the angel message.

Concerning zeal

A man and women Caught in adultery

Numbers 25:6-11 "And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy."

Some would say that we are unforgiving when we don't acknowledge some people as members of the Church. Some would say that Jesus was unforgiving when he flipped the tables over and drove the moneychangers out of the temple.

Matthew 21:12-13 "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that

sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

John 2:17 "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

Jesus did this because of His zeal for his house. Unforgiveness should not be confused with our zeal for truth and the sacredness of the Authority. Unforgiveness should not be confused with our zeal for following the pattern and keeping the holy rites sacred. Unforgiveness should not be confused with our zeal to keep the sins and traditions of men outside of the camp/outside of the Church. We should be willing to rise up with our zeal and shape our lives by the words of the Angel Messenger.

Malachi 3:1-3 "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

The tabernacle of the congregation is the place where the offering is made. Like in the time of Phinehas the people are weeping, The Church is weeping because of the sins and traditions of men, because of man-made doctrine.

The purpose of the Angel Messenger is to purify the ministry, that they may offer unto God an offering in righteousness.

The words of the Messenger will produce in us a broken heart and a contrite spirit if we obey. By faith we must go all the way in obedience to his words. We must recognize the line of authority of our three brothers who were told to take their place.

Articles

Happy Mother's Day

Donald Thompson

The Messenger speaks several times to the woman. Message 90:25 says: "Pray the Lord of the Vineyard to send forth men of re-known and faith to work in this way. Let the women help all they can. There is much to be done."

I want to thank the women in the church: Mothers, Grandmothers and those who are not mothers as well, for their support in prayer, and the things you do, the inspiration I have received through you, your prayers, your wisdom, your testimonies, and the many times you have spoken under the influence of the Holy Spirit. You have blessed not only me but the whole church as well. You have been upstanding Handmaidens of the Lord. Your example in these things and the influence you have given the children will be your praise.

You are a large part of this work and you are the glue that holds us together; you're the backbone that keeps us going and the encouragement we need when we are thinking within ourselves and not under the Spirit of God. You keep us in line, so to speak, and for this I thank you.

You show your support in every way and you just see and "Truly know" that with God all things are possible. You have the ability to see what Faith in God and the Scriptures can bring forth. I've seen you step out in Faith when things seemed impossible and yet you stood strong and only to see that Faith grow when things come about as you knew it would.

We don't say it enough but you are most inspiring and a big part in this work I love you and respect what you do for the work. It is noticed even if we fail to say so.

My pray is that we all come to understand our gift, God has given each one and to use it to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And to stand firm in Gods will in all we set forth to do. Seek only to glorify and please our Lord Jesus and be a testimony to His Bride.

May God Bless you all
Donald Thompson.

Happy Father's Day

Submitted by Ellen Draves

A Godly Father Is...

Faithful to God and Family

Able to discern God's will in trying times and good times.

Thankful for all the joys and trials of life.

Happy no matter what this life brings.

Enthusiastic about a life lived with purpose.

Righteous rock solid in heart and mind from a growing relationship with Jesus

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

When its dark outdoors, or in your house, you want to find a light right away. If the power has gone off, you search for candle, a flashlight or lanterns that will give off light. Most people don't care for being in total darkness. It's a bit eerie and uncomfortable, However, once you find a light that takes away that darkness, you feel much safer or more comfortable.

The kind of Light I am going to talk about, though, is a Spiritual Light. Sometimes we might grope in darkness because we aren't walking in the light of Christ.

Message 84:27 "See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not study..." The more we study the greater our light will be.

Matthew 5:-14-18 "Yea are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it give the light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let you light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"

1 John 1:5-7 "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light , and in him is no darkness at all..

6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not tell the truth.

7. But if we walk in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

We cannot act as the world acts and do as they do and still walk in Gods light.

There is not light in sin. This is why it is so important for you to know and understand right from wrong, good and evil, and be able to discern the difference at all times. Satan seeks to mislead you in any way he can. He makes evil look good and good look evil. That is one of his cunning ways of leading people astray.

1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them: because Greater is He that is in you, then he that is in the world."

Mark 4:21-25 "And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? And not to be set on a candlestick?

22. For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given,

25. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath."

God gives us plenty of knowledge what His will is for us all in "walking in the light." He tells us what that light is, how to use it, when to use it, how to make it work for us, how to let it shine so others might see our light and desire that also, and He give us wisdom, strength and courage to follow through, staying on the straight and narrow path of truth and justice, peace, love and righteousness, if only we list to His still small voice, remain obedient in His word and live by His word daily.

Message 99:9-10 "Be very careful what you Say, How you Speak, and Where you Are, so is my Message to all.

10. There are many blind guides; full well the Lord has been with the Word to bless those that learn- but when mankind's mind closed to further LIGHT- the truth will not fit their learning. They will not conform to the full plan of God. They come not to deliverance. They are not convicted of their emptiness and they lose in the end. Why do they blind themselves? A stubborn hear and mind cannot please God.”

The Light of the World is Jesus, John the Baptist comes clothed in the Light of Christ (Message 31 heading).

Message 31:8 “...Heed ye the still small voice and the promptings of the Divine Spirit. Be not conformed to the works of darkness nor the ways of the world. Work with an eye single to My glory. When I speak answer by your actions, abide in My doctrine. Let your words and deeds be that to My honor and glory. Return your love and service to me that your works may show your faith.”

In closing remember the song, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full to His wonderful face, and the things of Earth shall grow strangely dim in the Light of His Glory and Grace.” God bless you in your daily walk with Him. Let your light shine forth and be that example and Light to others that you might entice them also to seek the Light of Christ.

Your Friend in Christ,
Karen Wilkin

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Joy Draves-Dreher

Does God Hear?

Read Exodus 6:1-13

Yes indeed, God does hear. We see in this chapter that God was calling Moses to go to Pharaoh to let His people go. He heard the groans of the Israelites. It was now the time to act and deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians. More than often, God does not come to our aid straight away. Sometimes He seems to delay in responding. But even though this seems to be happening, it's not that He hasn't heard our prayers, it's just that He is developing in us patience and trust in Him no matter how bad it gets. God will always come through in the end, if we don't give up. But just like the Israelites, when God does come through, we often don't recognize or hear Him speaking to us, because of our deep anguish. It took a while for Pharaoh to let God's people go – but he did in the end. We need to be persistent, and not give up. God hears our cries for help. He hears every prayer we pray. He knows before we say anything what's in our hearts. So keep on praying and know that God is listening.

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In my distress I called to the Lord, I cried to my God for help
From His temple He heard my Voice; my cry came before Him,
Into his ears.
Psalm 18:6

Lord help me know your hear
When I pray to you.
Even though you may delay
You will one day come through.

Obituary

Terry Lynn Weaver

Terry L Weaver, 59, of Frostproof Florida, died March 28, 2019 at Good Sheppard Hospice in Auburndale, Florida after a brief battle with cancer. He was an Elder and lifelong member of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. He worked in the citrus processing industry for 20 years.

He is preceded in death by; Father, Everett Weaver; Mother, Ruby (Miller) Weaver; Brothers, Pete Weaver, Billy Walter Weaver, and Sister, Savella Jean Weaver.

He is survived by mother of my children: Judy (Barker) Weaver; his three children: Daughter, Traci Houser of Lake Wales, Florida and Sons, Terry Weaver Jr. of Frostproof, Florida. and Steven Weaver of Dover, Delaware. Four grandchildren: Trisha Weaver of Dover, Delaware, DJ Houser of Lake Wales, Florida., Steven Weaver, Kaden Payton of Dover, Delaware.

He is also survived by seven brother and sisters: Tommy Weaver of Coldiron, Kentucky, Deloris Wiggins of Pelion, South Carolina, Lorene Nolan of Baxter, Kentucky, Kenneth Weaver of Cawood, Kentucky , Joann Dawson of Lakeland, Florida, Jimmy Weaver of Frostproof, Florida and Ronny Weaver of Baxter, Kentucky.

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer/Testimony:
Apostle Reece Johnson

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service
Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson
Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates

Monday, June 24, 2019

10:30 Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Study
Apostle Reece Johnson
2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting,
Financial Report
3:00 p.m Prayer and Testimony

7:00 Preaching Service
Speaking: Apostle Mike Greenwell

Tuesday June 25, 2019

10:30 Priesthood Meeting
1:00 p.m. Study
2:00 p.m. Preaching Service
Elder Richard Segal
3:00 p.m. Preaching Service
4:00 p.m. Prayer /Testimony Service

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service
Speaking: Apostle Donald Thompson
8:00 p.m. Closing Service & Sacrament

The complete schedule will be available at Opening Services, June 23, 2019.

**2019 General Assembly
Tentative Schedule**

Sunday, June 23, 2019

2:00 p.m. Opening Service

Opening Remarks: Apostle Jairus Yates
Speaking: Godhead- Apostle Richard Johnson

Handmaiden of the Lord

Meets Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 am. If you wish to help, contact Headquarters Office.

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